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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005 for three(3) months from October 14, 2005 to January 14, 2006. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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